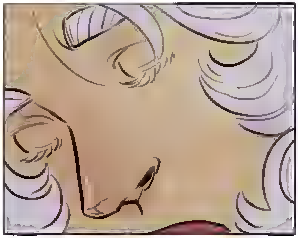
UNDER THE ASCOTS

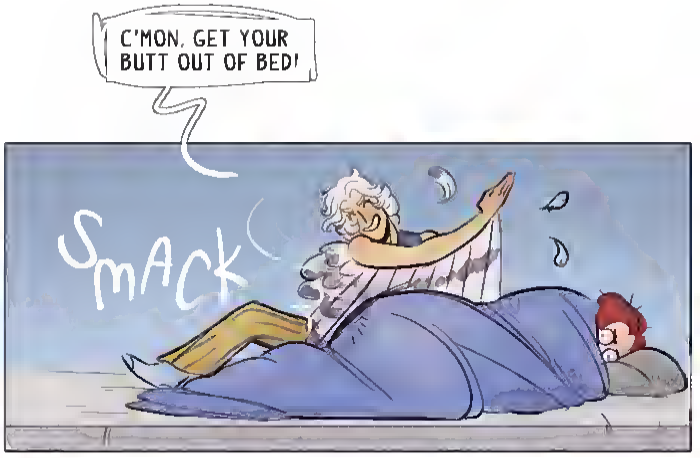
SNOOORE

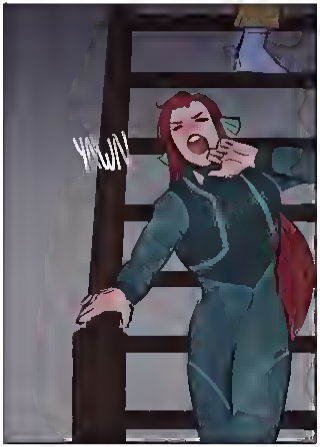


HEY...

BRO...TIME TO GET UP.

MMMNOOOO!
IT'S STILL TOO EARLY. URGHHH--


C'MON, GET YOUR BUTT OUT OF BED!
SMACK


YAWN

DUDE...IT'S STILL DARK OUT.

MY BAD. MY INTERNAL CLOCK MUST BE AHEAD OR SOMETHIN'.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

YOU GUYS! I WASN'T EXPECTING THIS!
I KNOW IT'S NOTHING LIKE A ROYAL CELEBRATION. AND WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF STUFF HERE, OR PROPER PRESENTS FOR YOU...BUT--

ARE YOU KIDDING? THIS IS AMAZING! YOU DID ALL THIS FOR ME?
MATTIE... ARE THOSE SEAWEED CAKES?
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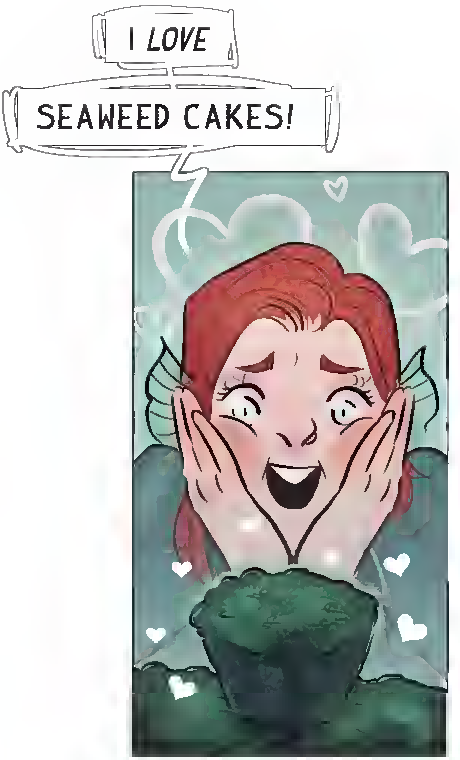
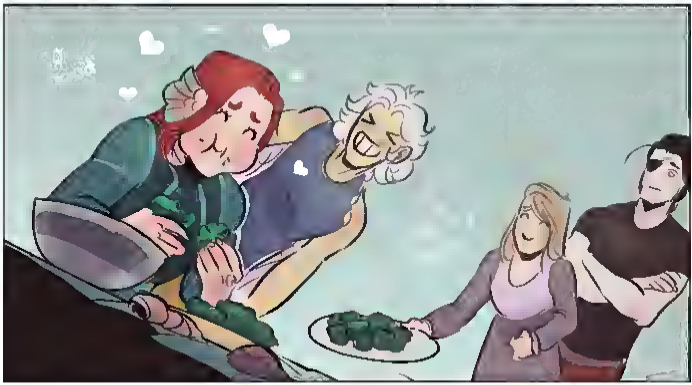
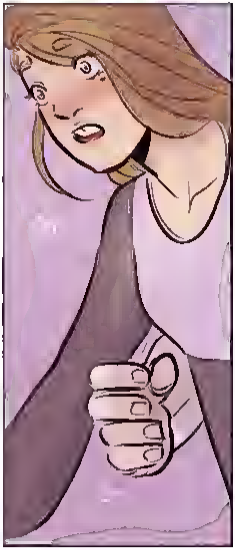
YES. GAWAIN GOT THE INGREDIENTS AND I MADE THE CAKES. I JUST HOPE THEY TASTE OKAY.

YEAH DUDE. MY HANDS STILL SMELL KINDA SEAWEEDY.

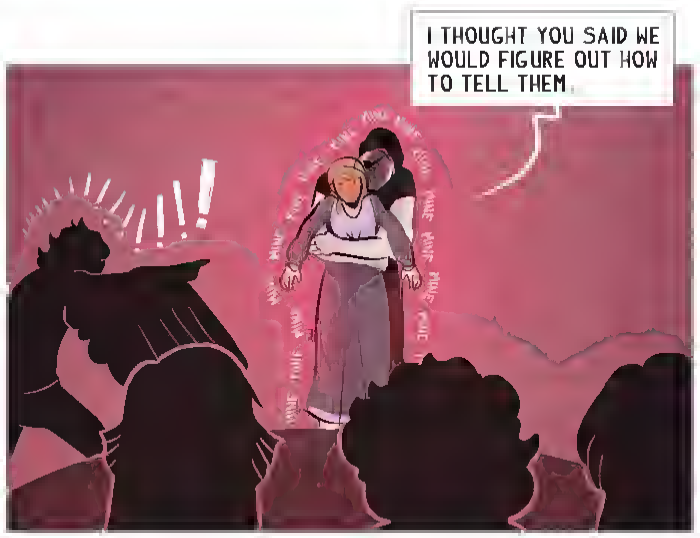

I LOVE
SEAWEED CAKES!





DAWN IS BREAKING.
I HAVE TO GO DOWNSTAIRS.

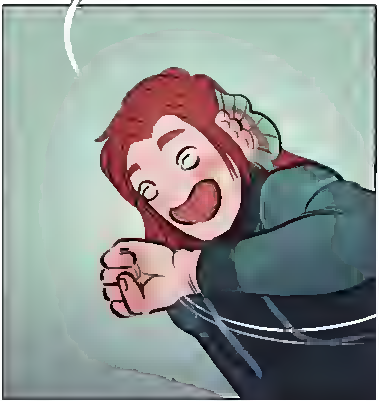
kiss


I THOUGHT YOU SAID WE WOULD FIGURE OUT HOW TO TELL THEM
!!!

HUHHH!?
YOU WHAT??

WHY ARE YOU GUYS SO CALM--
AM I SERIOUSLY THE ONLY ONE WHO HAD NO CLUE???

OH LOOK AT THE TIME! MY 12 HOURS ARE UP, BETTER GO FOR A SWIM!



YEAH, I SHOULD PROBABLY GO BACK TO BED, IT'S STILL WAY TOO EARLY.
I THINK SHALL BEGIN MY DAILY MEDITATION NOW
WAIT! WHY IS EVERYONE LEAV--?

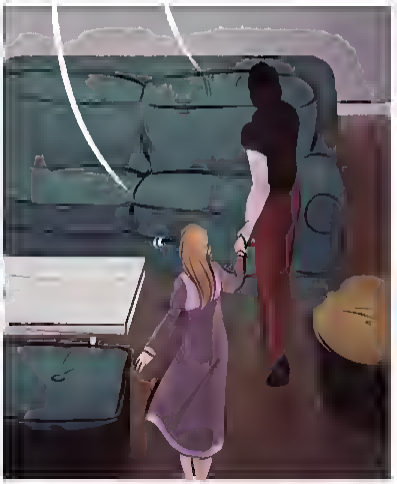
OHHHH.

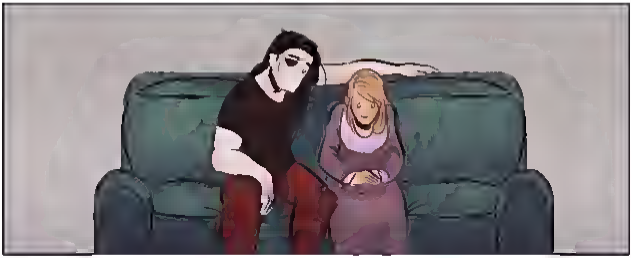
BRO, WAIT UP!
DON'T FORGET ABOUT NEN'S BIRTHDAY DINNER TONIGHT!

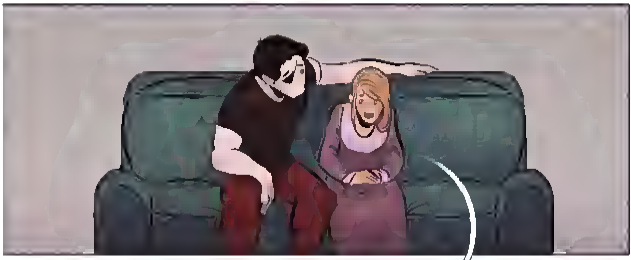
ALONE

UM. THE SUN WILL BE COMING UP SOON. YOU...YOU SHOULD--

I KNOW...LET'S JUST SIT HERE FOR A LITTLE WHILE.






W--WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?

I'M JUST...REALLY HAPPY...AND YOU'RE SO BEAUTIFUL...I CAN'T BELIEVE I CAN FINALLY LOOK AT YOU PROPERLY...
I CAN...I CAN STOP IF IT MAKES YOU UNCOMFOR--

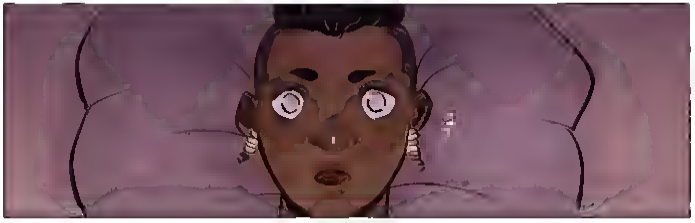
NO!
I MEAN. I. I LIKE IT. YOU CAN K--KEEP DOING IT IF--IF YOU WANT TO
I WANT TO

I MEAN, YEAH, THEY WERE ALWAYS FRIENDLY TO EACH OTHER, BUT LIKE, IT'S STILL A HUGE SHOCK. WHO KNEW?
NOT ME, THAT'S FOR SURE!

BEST BIRTHDAY EVER

SHILOH...
SHILOH--!

WAKE UP, SHILOH--!



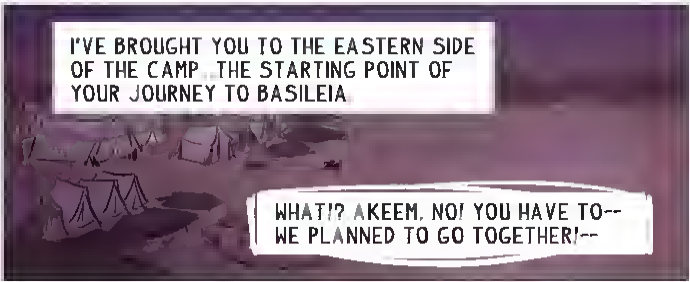
GET DRESSED, HURRY!
W--WHAT?

AKEEM! WHAT'S GOING ON? WE STILL HAVE A FEW HOURS BEFORE SETTING OUT--

THEY'RE COMING, THE PEOPLE WHO KILLED YOUR MOTHER WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME!

THE NIGHT GUARDS SPOTTED THEM. THEY'RE ALMOST UPON THE CAMP—
BUT WE CAN FIGHT--!
THERE ARE TOO MANY OF THEM. THE TRIBE MOTHER IS EVACUATING EVERYONE TO THE CAVES.
HURRY!

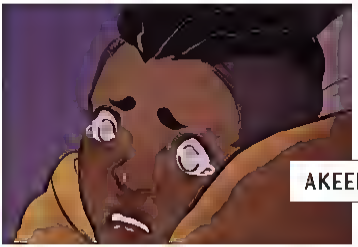
I WILL JOIN THE WARRIORS AND HOLD OFF THE ASSASSINS LONG ENOUGH TO DISTRACT THEM.
DISTRACT THEM?!


I'VE BROUGHT YOU TO THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE CAMP...THE STARTING POINT OF YOUR JOURNEY TO BASILEIA.
WHAT!? AKEEM, NO! YOU HAVE TO-- WE PLANNED TO GO TOGETHER!--

SHILOH, I AM AN OLD MAN. AND YOU MUST TRAVEL SWIFTLY. MY PLACE IS HERE, MAKING SURE THOSE MEN DON'T FIND YOU. AND YOUR PLACE IS ACROSS THE DESERT...IN THE CAPITAL.

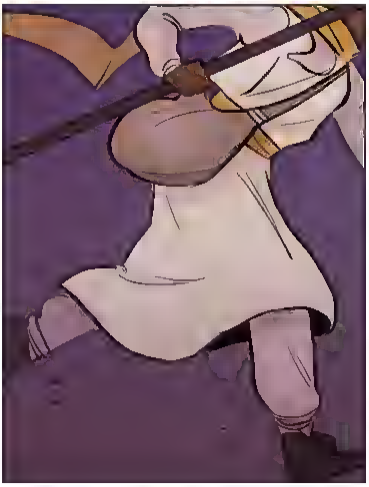
WE'VE GONE OVER THE ROUTE MANY TIMES. YOU KNOW THE WAYS OF THE DESERT AND ITS TUNNELS BETTER THAN ANYONE. I'LL ONLY SLOW YOU DOWN. WE PART HERE.

MAY THE DESERT BLESS YOU, MY CHILD.



AKEEM--!

THEY'RE HERE!
GO, NOW!



AH!